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7REAGAN SIGNS ORDER EXPANDING CIA'S DOMESTIC POWERS

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7EDS: TOPS WITH 12 NEW GRAFS ON EXECUTIVE ORDER DETAILS

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WASHINGTON (AP) - PRESIDENT REAGAN TODAY SIGNED AN ORDER EXPANDING THE POWER OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES TO COLLECT FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE FROM U.S. CITIZENS WHO ARE NOT SUSPECTED OF WORKING FOR A FOREIGN POWER.

REAGAN SAID HIS NEW ORDER, REPLACING ONE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT CARTER IN JANUARY 1978, IS "DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AMERICA'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WITH CLEARER, MORE POSITIVE GUIDANCE AND TO REMOVE THE AURA OF SUSPICION AND MISTRUST THAT CAN HOBBLE OUR NATION'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS."

THE EXECUTIVE ORDER EXPANDS THE CIA'S ROLE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES BUT ON A FAR MORE RESTRICTED SCALE THAN REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FIRST PROPOSED LAST MARCH.

THE PRESIDENT SAID A DISTORTED IMAGE OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE HAD EMERGED DURING THE PAST DECADE WHICH EMPHASIZED "SUSPICION AND MISTRUST OF OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS (WHICH) CAN UNDERMINE THIS NATION'S ABILITY TO CONFRONT THE INCREASING CHALLENGE OF ESPIONAGE AND TERRORISM."

THE ORDER WAS IMMEDIATELY ATTACKED BY A COALITION OF 109 CIVIL LIBERTIES, RELIGIOUS, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS WHICH CALLED IT A REVERSAL IN EFFORTS TO PREVENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES FROM VIOLATING THE CIVIL LIBERTIES OF AMERICANS.

THE COALITION, KNOWN AS THE CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS, SAID THE INTELLIGENCE ABUSES UNCOVERED BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN THE 1970S HAD NEVER PRODUCED "ADEQUATE RESTRICTIONS ON THOSE AGENCIES. THE REAGAN ORDER IS A STEP BACKWARDS."

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